

MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
BRIEFING SESSION
30 July, 1975

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9:00 CONVENE, 708 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

PROJECT BRIEFINGS

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ADMINISTRATION

- A. Dates of next meetings: 17 September, 1975
15 October, 1975
- B. Minutes of June, 1975 meeting.
- C. National Children's Bicentennial Island, Kingman Island - Report.

LEGISLATION

- A. H.R. 7711, 94th Congress, "to authorize the construction and maintenance of the General Draza Mihailovich Monument in Washington, D.C., in recognition of the role he played in saving the lives of approximately five hundred United States airmen in Yugoslavia during World War II."
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The briefing session convened at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission of Fine Arts offices at 708 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Members Present:

Hon. J. Carter Brown, Chairman
Hon. Jane O. Dart
Hon. Kevin Roche
Hon. Chloethiel Woodard Smith
Hon. Edward D. Stone, Jr.
Hon. George A. Weymouth

Staff Present:

Mr. Charles H. Atherton, Secretary
Mr. Donald B. Myer, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Jeffrey R. Carson
Miss Nancy H. Ferguson
Mr. J. L. Sibley Jennings, Jr.
Mrs. Sue A. Kohler
Mrs. Nancy N. Lusher
Mr. David L. Miller

National Capital Planning
Commission Staff Present:

Mr. Edward Hromanick

I. PROJECT BRIEFINGS

A. National Park Service

1. Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, West Potomac Park, Resubmission. The Secretary presented drawings depicting a landscape design which had been much reduced in scale since the Commission's June meeting. The main features of the new design were a linkage of four "rooms" with various linear events made up of landscape, water, and sculpture. The memorial would be entered through a parking-loading area across the park near the Potomac River, by means of a slightly angled walk crossing the present athletic fields toward the Tidal Basin. After passing the information-toilet facilities a visitor would make a right angle turn and be in the first of the "rooms".

The Secretary pointed out the differences between the first and second submissions. The scale of the earlier scheme had been much larger, about 1400 feet in length. The present scheme was about 900-1000 feet in length. A large crescent-shaped berm which had screened the western edge of the Tidal Basin had been eliminated. Various efforts at scale reduction, simplicity, and realignment had been in direct response

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to the Commission of Fine Arts and National Capital Planning Commission comments in June, 1975.

The Secretary told the Commission of the staff review of the previous day. They had questions about scale (too big), Linearity (without aligning to any particular feature), architectural character (the idea of rooms in a garden), and urbanity (tectonic elements in an already pleasant natural park).

The Commission examined the drawings noting the differences between the present scheme and the previous. They were particularly interested in the diminution of the linearity in the second scheme. They questioned replacing the long wall with a series of rooms. They also noted the reduced profile of the walls along the Memorial and the increased vistas from the Memorial out toward the Potomac and the playing fields. The propriety of having the toilets and information center as the first element in the sequence of events was also questioned.

Further discussion was held with project representatives later in the Commission meeting and during a subsequent site inspection.

2. Muhlenberg Memorial, Connecticut Avenue and Ellicott Street, N.W., Pedestal Designs for Central Sculptural Element. The Assistant Secretary presented a model and drawings showing how the pedestal related to the bust of Muhlenberg. The Commission had expressed doubt about the proportions of the base, which had been designed to simulate a pulpit. The doubts had been about the vertical dimension of the base, centering on whether or not a full-sized figure would actually be able to stand up within the base. To the Commission members, the base appeared a bit short. The members commented to the project representatives during the meeting.

3. Temporary Installation of Sculpture "Antecedent" by Lila Katzen. The National Park Service had several alternate locations proposed for this contemporary, non-objective metal sculpture throughout the D.C. Parks. As the Secretary presented photographs of the work, which would be temporarily located in the park system, the members suggested that of all the possible recommended sites, Walt Whitman Park at 19th and E Streets, N.W. would be the most suitable. They felt that the piece would be even better situated in a more urban setting, however, and agreed to discuss this with project representatives later in the day.

B. Smithsonian Institution

National Air and Space Museum, Sculpture for the North Entrance, "Ad Astra" by Richard Lippold - Resubmission. The Assistant Secretary

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showed the members a model for the work and a drawing which showed structural details. The model was the same as that approved by the Commission in previous months, contingent upon satisfactory structural details being submitted and approved.

The drawing showed cross sections of the actual structural members and the way in which the "starbursts" would be fastened. The Assistant Secretary pointed out that there seemed to be no problems with the way in which the sculpture was designed internally. Mr. Roche, however, pointed out that it was the skin of the sculpture which the Commission was interested in. He said that the actual joining of the gold stainless steel panels and their ability to resist weld marks and "oilcanning" would be the judge of whether or not the piece would be successful. The Commission agreed that the drawing did not satisfy their interest in the actual finish of the sculpture. Further discussion was held later in the meeting with the project representatives.

C. Department of the Army, Arlington Memorial Cemetery

Request for Erection of a Private Monument in the Cemetery. The Secretary presented photographs showing a site in Arlington Cemetery where there were rigid regulations about uniformity of memorial designs. He also showed photographs of the proposed monument which had been fabricated out of a rough piece of Colorado stone. The memorial was being proposed by a high-ranking general for his wife's grave. Since the design of the monument differed from prescribed Army standards, the Commission had been asked to rule on a possible exception.

The Commission examined the material and asked the staff for a variety of pro and con opinions as to the merits of the proposition. Generally the momentum for keeping uniformity with a military cemetery was very strong. The proposed monument however was inoffensive and proposed for a section of the cemetery which had been practically filled and did have some non-uniform markers pre-dating the existing uniform regulations. The Commission realized that all future exceptions would require Commission of Fine Arts involvement. Further discussion was held later during the meeting.

D. American Battle Monuments Commission

Pershing Memorial, 15th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. - Resubmission. The Secretary presented several models and drawings depicting the past and present schemes for locating a memorial to General Pershing between E and 15th Streets and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. This site had been designated by Congress. On previous occasions, the Commission had withheld approval for any specific design until a plan for Pennsylvania

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Avenue could be developed. Since the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation plan had been approved by Congress, the Commission felt that they should be reviewed together.

The Secretary presented a drawing which depicted Pennsylvania Avenue closed to traffic from 14th to 15th Street with the Pershing site as well as the present Avenue area paved in the National Square tradition of the Pennsylvania Avenue Plans of the 1960's. A good number of boxed trees, a pool for General Pershing in the southern half of the square, and a fountain in the Pennsylvania Avenue visual axis were the dominant features. The block to the west, between the Sherman statue and the Treasury was shown with part of the existing park removed, the street removed, and the plaza with planting running from the statue. The block to the east of the National Square had been heavily planted to reinforce the diagonal of the Avenue.

The Commission examined previous designs for the area and looked at the differences of the Pennsylvania Avenue plan over the years. The overriding problem had been a lack of development in areas which were totally undeveloped, and the desire for redeveloping areas which were attractive already. The Commission agreed that the area between the Treasury and the Sherman statue was fine the way it was, and that to change it prior to other adjacent design resolutions would be a great mistake. Mr. Roche said that he objected to the vast intrusion proposed by the paved National Square. He stated that this would bring on a very unpleasant situation in the summer which the Commission had always reacted against in the past. He further suggested that the whole area between E and 14th and 15th and the facade of the Willard-Washington block should be green as an event culminating the Avenue, rather than paved. The Commission agreed that this would be an excellent further study. It was also pointed out that the design as submitted did not resolve the orthogonal-diagonal design problems of the area either, and that probably the diagonal should be recognized through the new park. The Commission was in general agreement on these points, but withheld further discussion until the meeting.

E. General Services Administration

Virginia Heating Plant, Arlington, Virginia, Installation of Precipitation Equipment, Preliminary Plans. The Assistant Secretary presented drawings for this existing heating plant which served the Pentagon complex. Additional equipment was being installed to eliminate air pollution from the plant. He pointed out that this was a frank, neat industrial facility, somewhat visible from the 14th Street Bridges and next to Highway 95 as it entered the city from the south.

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The addition of three new mechanical devices and stacks to the side of the plant would be visible and were the inevitable future of such an installation. The Assistant Secretary said that the General Services Administration was suggesting that the new units which would be metal be painted sky blue. He also suggested that since there was a great deal of recent highway construction in the immediate vicinity, it would be reasonable to ask for a landscaping solution to screen the plant from one of the Capital's main entrances. The Commission discussed these points with the project representative later in the meeting.

F. D.C. Government, Department of General Services

Old Central Library, Federal City College - Final Renovation Plans. The Assistant Secretary presented drawings and photographs of the Old Central Library which was proposed for restoration, renovation, and adaptive use as a media center for the Federal City College which was to be built to the north of this historic building. The Commission and its staff had been previously interested in seeing the finest possible solution to re-orienting the building from the south to the north in a functional and aesthetic way. Several previous discussions had examined alternatives to a new formal entrance from the north. The Commission had advised against all on the design basis.

The present scheme was one using the existing vertical facade pattern and creating a lobby behind it on the main floor. The building would be entered by a bridge from Mt. Vernon Place, through the existing facade, combining the restoration of the building with a new entrance with a minimum of alteration to the original design. The Commission commended the ingenuity of the scheme and discussed it later with project representatives.

G. D.C. Government, Department of Economic Development

Old Georgetown Act

1. OG 76-8, 3238 R Street, N.W., Relocate and Alter Existing Outbuildings. The Assistant Secretary recalled the previous considerations on this property which were for subdivision and addition of first two, then one, new dwellings. He pointed out that the design of the new dwelling and the alteration of the existing structures on the property were two considerations properly before the Commission. The Commission had approved designs for a new dwelling on the site at a previous time. The current application was for slightly moving and minor modifications of the existing carriage house-garage and guest house.

The modifications to the outbuildings would be necessary to permit

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their adaptive use as owner-occupied dwellings on their own lots. As they were built they did not conform to zoning set-backs, etc. An exception for using them without normal zoning provision had been denied, but was being appealed.

The Old Georgetown Board had examined the application and suggested that the buildings would be better off not being moved. Their preservation was essential to the historic integrity of the property. Moving them would be undesirable, but far better than not having them preserved. The differences would not be particularly visible from public space.

The Commission examined the drawings and confirmed the Board's position that preservation was the most important question, and moving was not particularly important, but should be avoided if possible. An action was taken later in the meeting.

2. Appendix 1, no objection.

Shipstead-Luce Act

1. SL 76-2, 456 C Street, N.W. (rear), Raze Existing Garage, Pave Area after Demolition. The Assistant Secretary presented several photographs of an existing and much abused carriage house located behind a once very pleasing residential structure in City Government ownership. All previous plans for this site showed complete demolition of all structures to permit completion of a Municipal Center plan approved by the Commission of Fine Arts first in the 1920's.

2. Appendix 2, no objection.

H. D.C. Government, Office of the Bicentennial

Kingman Lake, Children's Garden. The Secretary presented a series of drawings and maps showing a proposal for a multiple use children's park facility in this presently unused area adjacent to the Anacostia River. The designs depicted a wooden bridge entry from the mainland to the island with various landscape features and activity areas. The Commission examined the drawings and complimented any activity in this direction. Further discussion was held later with project representatives.

I. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Mint

J. Edgar Hoover Commemorative Medal, Obverse and Reverse Designs. The Secretary presented drawings for this medal which depicted the F.B.I. seal on one side and a likeness of Hoover on the other side.

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Hoover's face would be flanked by the old Justice Department Building on one side and the new F.B.I. Building on the other. The Commission examined the medal finding the design of a low caliber, but withholding any action until the meeting.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Charles H. Atherton". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "C".

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
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 Mr. David L. Miller

National Capital Planning

Commission Staff Present: Mr. Edward Hromanick

I. ADMINISTRATION

A. Dates of the next meetings were set at 17 September, 1975, at 9:30 a.m. and either the 15th or the 8th of October, 1975, in that preferential order.

B. Minutes of the June, 1975 meeting, approved.

II. LEGISLATION

A. H.R. 7711, 94th Congress, "to authorize the construction and maintenance of the General Draza Mihailovich Monument in Washington, D.C., in recognition of the role he played in saving the lives of approximately five hundred United States airmen in Yugoslavia during World War II." The Chairman suggested that the Commission properly refer the matter to the National Capital Memorial Advisory Committee before taking any action. The Commission will act on the matter after receiving advice from the Committee.

B. S. 1847, 94th Congress, "to authorize the One Hundred and First Airborne Division Association to erect a memorial in the District of Columbia or its environs." The Chairman indicated that the members

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had taken a position on this specific request under a previous Congress. That action was to recommend against the proliferation of monuments to individual military units throughout the District of Columbia. The Commission unanimously confirmed their previous disapproval of this legislation.

III. SUBMISSIONS-REVIEWS

A. National Park Service, National Capital Parks

1. Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, West Potomac Park, Resubmission. The project was represented by Eugene Keogh, Chairman of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Commission, and Lawrence Halprin and Dai Williams, the design consultants. The National Park Service was represented by Joseph Ronsisvalle, John Parsons, Ben Biderman, and Barry Makintosh.

The Chairman welcomed the project representatives and asked Mr. Keogh if he would like to say a few words. Mr. Keogh said he felt the new design represented an excellent response to the Commission of Fine Arts' previous suggestions and that he hoped the Commission would see fit to approve the project. With that the designer, Lawrence Halprin, briefly described his philosophy in making the various changes since the June meeting.

A general discussion followed with the Chairman reiterating the Commission's concerns about the overly architectural character of the memorial, the continued scale questions and the weakening of the design by using rooms in place of the single wall.

Mr. Halprin responded by saying that the architectural elements as shown on the drawing were small in scale compared to the trees on the site and that the "rooms" were to be very substantially planted within, to make them more garden than architecture. After some further discussion it was decided that the Commission, the project designers, and representatives of the Park Service would visit the site before the end of the meeting. Mr. Halprin indicated that the memorial had been staked out, at the request of the Commission staff and that it would be easier to visualize the entire effect on the site. No action was taken at this time.

2. Muhlenberg Memorial, Connecticut Avenue and Ellicott Street, N.W. - Pedestal for central sculptural element. The project was represented by the architect, Mr. John Harbeson, and the Park Service staff Messers Joseph Ronsisvalle and John Parsons. Mr. Harbeson described his design for the Commission indicating that there was more detail on the bas reliefs yet to come. Mr. Weymouth indicated that the Commission's

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concern was the vertical dimension of the base and that there was a hope that it could be slightly elongated to be convincing as a place to stand within, such as a pulpit. Mr. Harbeson indicated that would be no problem. Several base designs were shown; one had an indented base, the other had an applied base. The applied base was that which the Commission preferred. The action was unanimous that the pedestal should be elongated vertically and that the applied base should be used.

EXHIBIT C

3. Temporary Installation of Sculpture "Antecedent" by Lila Katzen. The project was represented by Lila Katzen, the sculptor; and Messers John Parsons and Joseph Ronsisvalle of the National Park Service. The Chairman indicated that the Commission was unanimously approving the placement of this piece of sculpture in the District of Columbia and of those sites preferred one like Whitman or Rawlins Park. All present agreed that a more urban site would be better for this particular piece of sculpture and that exact placement could be followed by the staff in conjunction with the Park Service and the sculptor.

EXHIBIT D

B. Smithsonian Institution

National Air and Space Museum, Sculpture for North Entrance "Ad Astra" by Richard Lippold - Resubmission. The project was represented by Messers Michael Collins and James Dean of the museum and the sculptor, Richard Lippold, and his fabricator, Mr. Werner Weblung. The Chairman welcomed all and indicated that the Commission was still interested in seeing more details as to the actual jointing and treatment of the sculpture's skin. Mrs. Smith indicated that the Commission was especially worried about oilcanning. Mr. Roche said that a mockup of actual joints would tell a tale about weld marks and other possible imperfections.

Mr. Lippold indicated that he had no problem with the design of the joints, but that full-sized mockups would probably be impossible for many reasons. He indicated that the fabrication would take care of these technical problems and that is why he had retained Mr. Weblung. Mr. Weblung said that he would be glad to show the members several sample joints, but that he was confident, from his own personal experience, that none of the Commission's fears would be a problem. The Commission remained unanimously against approving the sculpture finally until more material and samples were supplied. They sustained their conditional approval, pending approval of these details.

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C. Department of the Army, Arlington Memorial Cemetery

Request for Erection of Private Monument. The project was represented by Major General Gordon Sumner, Jr. The Chairman welcomed General Sumner who told the Commission of his reasons for the request to erect a non-conforming marker to his wife in Arlington Cemetery. He showed the members additional photographs and a model of the stone. The Commission thanked the General who left at this point. The members discussed the proposal for a few minutes among themselves deciding to unanimously approve the request for an exception to the uniform standards.

EXHIBIT F

D. American Battle Monuments Commission

Pershing Memorial, 15th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. - Resubmission. The project was represented by Col. F. C. Badger, staff of the Battle Monuments Commission, and Messers John Harbeson and Wallis Harrison, members of the ABMC. Mr. John Woodbridge, Director of the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation, was also present. The Chairman indicated the Commission's pleasure at having the PADC and the ABMC study this block together and asked Mr. Woodbridge to indicate what elements of the square might be pointed out as differing from previous schemes, including the old National Square of the 1960's plans for Pennsylvania Avenue. Mr. Woodbridge said that the general landscaping and integration of the Pershing Memorial had been important as was retention of the Willard and Washington Hotels with a new building between. He pointed out the additional landscape on the east of the square and the revisions to the Treasury-Sherman area to the west. The Chairman indicated that the Commission was far from enamored with the Treasury-Sherman treatment, but that was not officially before them. There was no particular objection stated about the increased tree planting and rerouting and simplification proposed east of the square.

Mr. Harrison told the Commission of ABMC efforts to come up with a design over a very long period of time. He simply said that he hoped the Commission would approve some aspects of the memorial for budget purposes.

The Chairman indicated that the Commission was unanimously recommending further study of a scheme which resolved the diagonal-orthogonal problems of the present scheme while making a green park rather than a paved National Square. Mr. Roche said that there was no reason why the fountains and pools could not be incorporated in such a park and further that there was no reason inaugural parades could not use 15th Street to E Street around such a park, rather than through it.

The submitting agencies indicated that they would continue to study

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an integrated design with each other and that they would attempt a green scheme. The American Battle Monuments Commission specifically asked the Commission if they could approve parts of the Pershing Memorial. The Chairman indicated that the basic elements of the scheme were alright, but that the location, specific designs, and such could not be pinned down until the overall design was decided on. The Commission unanimously approved a pool, statue, and map wall as elements to be used in the final design.

EXHIBIT G

E. D.C. Government, Office of Bicentennial Planning

National Children's Bicentennial Island, Kingman Lake. The project was represented by Mr. Joseph C. Henson. Mr. Henson made a brief presentation of the main features of the park and its various features including those especially designed for handicapped children. The Chairman indicated the Commission's enthusiastic approval and endorsement of the design. The Commission offered to review individual design elements for the park as developed, Mr. Henson indicated that the working drawings for the park would be under way within a week or so and that he appreciated the Commission's support.

EXHIBIT H

F. General Services Administration

Virginia Heating Plant, Arlington, Virginia - Installation of Precipitation Equipment, Preliminary Plans. Mr. John Snell of the General Services Administration represented the project. The Chairman said that the Commission members had an opportunity to examine the drawings and regretted that an industrial facility should be located at one of the main gateways to the city. He indicated that the Commission was unanimously approving the project. Mr. Snell said that the Virginia State Department of Highways would be providing screen landscaping in the vicinity. The Chairman said that the Commission would be glad to do all it could to coordinate adequate screen-planting between the various jurisdictions.

EXHIBIT I

G. D.C. Government, Department of General Services

Old Central Library, Federal City College - Final Renovation Plans. The project was represented by Mr. Charles Pavlick of the D.C. Government, and Mr. Carl W. Ernst, Jr., the architect. The Chairman said that the Commission had had an opportunity to study the revised scheme and were wholeheartedly in favor of both the scheme and the spirit of cooperation which had produced it. The Commission unanimously approved the design and gave the District Government its compliments on this effort at preserving and adaptively reusing one of the city's important examples of Beaux Arts architecture.

EXHIBIT J

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H. D.C. Government, Department of Economic Development

Old Georgetown Act

1. OG 76-8, 3238 R Street, N.W., Relocate and Alter Existing Outbuildings. There were no project representatives present. The Commission had a general discussion about the advantages of first preserving the buildings, and second preserving them in an alternate location. The Commission decided it would be best to recommend a zoning exception which would allow the buildings to be used as private residences in their original locations. They also agreed that moving the buildings a few feet would have a relatively minor visual effect. The Commission unanimously approved the action taken by the Old Georgetown Board, "issue permit." Included with the action would be a recommendation for a zoning variance to permit preservation on the original sites.

2. Appendix 1, approved.

Shipstead-Luce Act

1. SL 76-2, 456 C Street, N.W. (rear), Raze Existing Garage, Pave (asphalt) over entire area following demolition. There were no project representatives present. The Chairman announced the Commission's approval of the request. The action would read "issue permit."

2. Appendix 2, approved.

I. Department of the Treasury, Bureau of the Mint

J. Edgar Hoover Commemorative Medal, Obverse and Reverse Designs. There were no project representatives present. The members expressed their disappointment in the design, suggesting that the obverse would be better without the likenesses of the Justice Department and the J. Edgar Hoover Building flanking Hoover's face. The Commission's unanimous action was to recommend restudy of the medal.

EXHIBIT K

IV. INSPECTION

National Park Service, National Capital Parks

Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, West Potomac Park - Resubmission. The Commission met on the site with Mr. Halprin, the architect; Mr. Williams of his staff; and Messers Ronsisvalle and Parsons of the National Park Service Staff. Mr. Halprin showed the Commission where the various elements of the Memorial were proposed, and in effect walked them through the Memorial. After examining the site and discussing various features

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of the design and the existing site the Commission agreed unanimously that they would continue their approval of the concept provided that: 1) each phase of design development would be submitted for their review, 2) the large scale of all elements would be further studied, and 3) the architect would study ways of avoiding an overly architectural finished product. The architect agreed to these conditions.

EXHIBIT L

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles H. Atherton". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20220

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14 JUL 1975

Mr. J. Carter Brown
Chairman
The Commission of Fine Arts
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THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
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Dear Mr. Brown:

NOTED

Enclosed for the review and comments by your Commission are three (3) photographs each of the obverse and reverse designs of the medal commemorating J. Edgar Hoover. Also enclosed is a copy of Public Law 93-309 enacted June 8, 1974, authorizing the striking of this medal.

The obverse design was executed by Mr. Frank Gasparro, Chief, Sculptor and Engraver of the Philadelphia Mint. The reverse design was executed by Mr. John Merconti, also with the Philadelphia Mint Engraving Department.

We hope that the designs meet with your most favorable approval.

Sincerely,

Francis B. Frere
Acting Assistant Director of
the Mint for Public Services

Enclosures (photographs)



Public Law 93-309
93rd Congress, H. R. 1817
June 8, 1974

An Act

68 STAT. 234

To provide for the striking of national medals to honor the late J. Edgar Hoover.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in honor of the late J. Edgar Hoover, the Secretary of the Treasury (hereafter referred to as the "Secretary") shall make available medals in accordance with this Act. The medals authorized under this Act are national medals within the meaning of section 3351 of the Revised Statutes (31 U.S.C. 368).

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SEC. 2. The medals shall bear such emblems, devices, and inscriptions, shall be of such size or sizes, shall be made of such materials, and shall be made in such quantity, as the Secretary may determine.

Rev. Stat. 3551.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall cause such medals to be struck, and he shall cause them to be sold to the general public, under such rules and regulations as he may provide, at a price not less than the estimated cost of manufacture, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses.

Cost.

Approved June 8, 1974.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

HOUSE REPORT No. 93-666 (Comm. on Banking and Currency).

SENATE REPORT No. 93-872 (Comm. on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs).

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Vol. 120 (1974): May 28, considered and passed Senate.



